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Town Preparing for Annual Holiday Events

Get ready to ring in the holidays with Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources with its two annual Christmas events!

First, on Friday Dec. 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., join us on Main Street for **Light Up Main**, the Town's annual Christmas tree lighting. Santa and Mayor Ronnie Williams will flip the switch to the Town tree, welcoming guests to the event. This will be followed by a local holiday talent showcase full of singers and dancers from the Garner area.

While you're there, shop for Christmas goodies, make crafts, visit with Santa and, most important, make a donation to Toys for 'Lil' Troops, which will deliver new, unused toys to the children of deployed or low-income service members over the holidays. The Miss Garner Scholarship Pageant will be at the donation booth, and each new toy you donate will enter you in a chance to win tickets to some wonderful shows at Garner Performing Arts Center.

Then what Christmas would be complete without a parade?! Grab a front-row seat and join the Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department as marching bands, floats, classic cars, Santa Claus and many other entries make their way through downtown Garner in the annual **Garner Christmas Parade** on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. This year's parade theme is "Home For the Holidays," a celebration of home and family. This is a wonderful way to show support to your local organizations while getting to know some new ones in the area.

More information on both events, including how to get involved, can be found at garnernc.gov/holiday or by emailing Jill McAllister at jmcallister@garnernc.gov.

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